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SUBJ: NKOMO WARNS RHODESIAN WHITES

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1. IF RHODESIAN WHITES HAVE NO FUTURE UNDER A BLACK GOVERNMENT, IT WILL BE SMITH'S FAULT JOSHUA NKOMO WARNED IN LUSAKA MARCH 31. NKOMO, AFTER RETURNING FROM LUANDA (REFTEL), TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE THAT "EVIL AND PAINFUL ATROCITIES" HAD BEEN PERPETRATED AGAINST UNARMED BLACKS IN RECENT MONTHS BY THE SECURITY FORCES. NKOMO SAID THAT THESE ATROCITIES COULD LEAK TO A VERY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SERIOUS SITUATION BETWEEN WHITES AND BLACKS BECAUSE OF THEIR CUMULATIVE EFFECT.. THE SMITH REGIME'S ACTION WERE SMEARING THE WHITES IN THE EYES OF BLACK PEOPLE.

2. IN OTHER RESPONSES TO QUERIES NKOMO ADMITTED THAT HE HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH CASTRO IN LAUNDA, BUT REFUSED TO ELABORATE OTHER THAN TO REMARK ON CASTRO'S VITALITY AND THE FACT THAT

CUBAN SUPPORT FOR THE STRUGGLE IS ALREADY THERE. ALSO, HE
SNIPED AT MUZOREWA REGARDING HIS POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION IN
REFERENDUM, UNDER THE PRESENT RF GOVERNMENT OBSERVING THAT HE
WAS NOT AGAINST A REFERENDUM, BUT THIS SHOULD BE HELD BY A
"PEOPLES' GOVERNMENT" OR AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT. NKOMO SAID THAT
THE FRONTLINE STATES HAD NOT SELECTED LEADERS FOR ZIMBABWE,
BUT THAT THEY BACKED THE PATRIOTIC FRONT ONLY "AS THE FIGHTING
FORCE NOT AS A POLITICAL MOVEMENT."
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COMMENT: THIS IS THE FIRST TIME NKOMO, TO OUR KNOWLEDGE,
HAS PUBLICLY SAID THAT FRONTLINE RECOGNITION OF THE PF WAS
LIMITED TO SUPPORT FOR THE PF AS A FIGHTING FORCE. IN DOING
SO, HE IS ECHOING A THEME ADVANCED BY PRESIDENT KAUNDA WHO HAS
RECENTLY TAKEN GREAT PAINS TO EMPHASIZE THAT, IN BACKING THE
PATRIOTIC FRONT, ZAMBIA HAS NO INTENTION OF TRYING TO DICTATE
WHO WILL HAVE POWER IN AN INDEPENDENT ZIMBABWE. KAUNDA IN HIS
TURN IS RESPONDING TO ZAMBIAN CRITICS WHO ARGUE THAT EXCLUSIVE
RECOGNITION OF THE PF IS IN FACT INTERFERENCE IN THE POLITICAL
AFFAIRS OF ZIMBABWE.
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